## BRIGHT FUTURES AWARD REQUIREMENTS

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<td>100% of tuition + $300</td>
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### GRADE POINT AVERAGE
- Minimum 3.5 weighted Bright Futures GPA in required courses listed below
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### REQUIRED CREDITS
- **FLORIDA ACADEMIC SCHOLARS (FAS)**
  - 4 English (3 must include substantial writing)
  - 4 Mathematics (at or above Algebra 1 level)
  - 3 Natural Sciences (2 w/ substantial lab)
  - 3 Social Science
  - 2 World Language (sequential, in same language)

  - The required coursework aligns with the State University System admissions requirements found in regulation 6.002.

- **FLORIDA MEDALLION SCHOLARS (FMS)**
  - 4 English (3 must include substantial writing)
  - 4 Mathematics (at or above Algebra 1 level)
  - 3 Natural Sciences (2 w/ substantial lab)
  - 3 Social Science
  - 2 World Language (sequential, in same language)

  - The required coursework aligns with the State University System admissions requirements found in regulation 6.002.

- **GOLD SEAL VOCATIONAL SCHOLARS (GSV)**
  - 4 English Language Arts
  - 4 Mathematics (including Algebra 1 and Geometry)
  - 3 Science (including Biology 2 with lab component; addtl 2 courses must be equally rigorous)
  - 3 Social Science (US History, World History, US Government & Economics w/ Financial Literacy)
  - 1 Fine or Performing arts, Speech & Debate, or Practical Arts
  - 1 Physical Education (to include integration of health)

  - Plus a minimum of 3 full credits in a single Career & Technical Education program

### COMMUNITY SERVICE
- **FLORIDA ACADEMIC SCHOLARS (FAS)**: 100 hours
- **FLORIDA MEDALLION SCHOLARS (FMS)**: 75 hours
- **GOLD SEAL VOCATIONAL SCHOLARS (GSV)**: 30 hours

### TEST SCORES
- **FLORIDA ACADEMIC SCHOLARS (FAS)**
  - SAT: 1290 (Evidence-based Reading & Writing + Math)
  - or
  - ACT: 29 Composite (scores ending in 0.50 will be rounded up to the next whole number)

- **FLORIDA MEDALLION SCHOLARS (FMS)**
  - SAT: 1170 (Evidence-based Reading & Writing + Math)
  - or
  - ACT: 26 Composite (scores ending in 0.50 will be rounded up to the next whole number)

- **GOLD SEAL VOCATIONAL SCHOLARS (GSV)**
  - SAT: Reading - 24 Writing/Language - 25 Math - 24
  - or
  - ACT: English - 17 Reading - 19 Math - 19
  - or
  - PERT: Reading - 106 Writing - 103 Math - 114

### General Requirements to Receive Bright Futures Awards
- Be a Florida resident and a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen, as determined by the student’s postsecondary institution.
- Complete the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) no later than August 31 after high school graduation.
- Earn a standard Florida high school diploma or its equivalent from a Florida public high school or a registered Florida Department of Education (FDOE) private high school.
- All eligibility requirements must be met by high school graduation, but scores of ACT/SAT/P.E.R.T. tests taken through June 30 are accepted for evaluation purposes.
- Not have been found guilty of, or pled nolo contendere to, a felony charge, unless the student has been granted clemency by the Governor and Cabinet sitting as the Executive Office of Clemency.
- Be accepted by and enroll in a degree or certificate program at an eligible Florida public or Independent postsecondary institution.
- Be enrolled for at least 6 non-remedial semester credit hours (or the equivalent in quarter or clock hours) per term.
- If not funded in the academic year immediately following high school graduation, apply within two years of high school graduation to have your award reinstated.
- Florida Academic Scholars will receive an award amount equal to 100% of tuition and applicable fees at a public postsecondary institution, or comparable amount at a nonpublic institution, as well as an additional amount of $300 per semester (fall and spring) for textbooks and educational expenses.
- Beginning with the 2016-17 high school graduates, students who earn a Gold Seal CAPE (GSC) award and attain an AS or AAS degree may receive an additional 60 hours of funding toward a qualifying BS or BAS degree program.
- After submitting the FFAA, the student is responsible for tracking application and award status online and keeping the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) informed of any demographic or institutional changes. Students are responsible for ensuring that funding for an academic year is accurate by contacting their institution’s financial aid office.

Please go to [https://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.gov/SAPBFMAIN/SAPBFMAIN](https://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.gov/SAPBFMAIN/SAPBFMAIN) to review additional information including OTHER WAYS TO QUALIFY.

**NOTE:** These requirements are subject to change with each legislative session.